

Up with Wages— cut down profits

1,000 Companies make £270 million this year

Where do you come in?

It is announced that 1,063 companies made £270 millions profit during the first year of the Labour Government.

The same firms made £257 millions profit during the year before.

They are making more profit under Labour than they did with the Tories in the saddle.

This is not what the people wanted to happen when they voted Labour. They want more money for themselves, not for the rich.

How much longer are the employers to go on piling profits and resisting wage increases?

Labour was given power to raise the standard of living of working people.

This can be done only by breaking into the profits of the rich.

Labour must use its power. Start raising the standard of living by insisting on wage increases now.

Take the cost of wage increases out of profits. Don't take it back from the workers by letting prices rise.

Compel the employers to make industry more efficient.

Higher production of the goods the people need, with higher wages to buy the goods: this is the way to security and full employment: the kind of Britain you voted for.

NICE WORK, IF YOU CAN GET IT

For every £1,000 profit made by the rich in 1938, they were making £1,900 profit in 1945. The economist, Dr. Barna, estimates total business profits in 1938 at £1,286 millions, in 1944 at £2,398 millions, and if it goes on at the same rate, in 1950 it will be £2,680 millions.

You didn't vote for a bosses' paradise!

GREATEST GUTZKRIEG of all time

Luxury living and lavish spending have spread from the West End of London. A stretch of a few miles near the borders of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire probably houses more wealthy people than any other part of Britain of comparable size. Some are known to be intimately connected with black market dealing; and most of them spend money like water on food and drink at the luxury hotels. I moved among these people and watched. At a table next to mine there was a party of ten. . . . the bill was nearly £150.—NEWS CHRONICLE (22.6.46).

I have seen four 5s. meals make nearly £30 on the bill.—West End Waiter in DAILY HERALD (24.6.46).

The less food for you The more profit for them

In 1939, when food was unrationed, GROSVENOR HOUSE, CARLTON HOTELS and the SAVOY HOTEL made £56,000 profit between them; last year they made £595,000—an increase of over half a million when less food was available. How do they do it?

It's wonderful—what a drop of water will do!

The beer of Britain is now weaker than in any other country in the world.—Sir Frank Nicholson, of Vaux and Associated Breweries.

The spirit may be weak, but the profits are stronger than ever: Total profits this year: BARCLAY PERKINS & Co., £853,000; TRUMAN, HANBURY, BUXTON, £1,164,000. In both cases more profit was available this year than last year for shareholders.

Disgraceful—

But it goes on every day

It is disgraceful that a well-known London hotel should stoop to this sort of thing. This was the comment of Mr. Blake Odgers, magistrate, when he fined CRITERION RESTAURANTS LTD., of Piccadilly, a total of £900 with 90 guineas costs, for buying poultry at excessive prices.—DAILY WORKER (19.6.46).

What the Minister giveth the Minister taketh away (or that's my Family Allowance, that was!)

If you're out of work through tuberculosis and you draw relief money, they will deduct your family allowance from your relief—just when your children can do with it most. If you get better and go back to work, they won't dock your family allowance, when you don't need it as much. If you draw unemployment relief, the family allowance is cut. If your husband dies and you draw a widow's pension with extra for the children, they'll stop the amount due to you for family allowance. If you're on workmen's compensation, off comes the family allowance.

It's the same old shabby trick the Tories used to play, before the war. It's a scandal for Labour to be doing the same today.

MEN AT WORK

(1) The Steel monopolists, Tory to the core, have prevented the Government taking over their industry. *These steel-owners, before the war, belonged to the International Steel Cartel, with the firms of Krupp and Thyssen, who financed Hitler, and the Comite des Forges, which supported French Fascism and collaborated with the Nazis after France fell.*

(2) Sir Oswald Mosley has entered the "publishing" business, is circulating material through the post, while fascist activity increases

(3) 200,000 Polish soldiers, who won't go to democratic Poland are coming to this country. *Over half of them fought and worked for Hitler. Their commander is the Fascist General Anders. They are to be found jobs and allowed to take British citizenship. 83,000 already here are costing £33 millions for board, lodging and training.*

Out of you are po for these

All the price increases
the Spring:

Women's utility outer
dresses and blouse
underwear

Men's and boys' u
shirts, underwear,
Under 15's all clothes

Boot and shoe repairs

Laundry

Utility furniture

Cutlery

Bread (1lb. 12oz. loaf

same price as 2lb.

Soap (hard household)

Coal (London)

Coal (provinces)

Coke

Rents (Council houses)

Railway fares

Railway freights

Iron and Steel

Copper, zinc, lead

Bricks

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Coal, iron and steel f

Consett Iron Co.

Powell Duffryn Ltd.

Shops and Stores

Boots

Home and Colonial

Marks and Spencer

Building materials, etc

British Plaster Board

Mowlem (John) & Co

Tunnel Portland Ceme

Other firms

Associated British Pic

Corporation

Beecham Group Ltd.

Burma Oil Co.

General Electric Co.

Harland and Wolff

Imperial Chemical In

tries.

Rego Clothiers Ltd.

Railway Companies

It's time to get tough with

our wages
ing more

here have been made since

PRICE INCREASE

6s. 8d. in the £

3s. in the £

3s. in the £

2s. in the £

3s. in the £

$\frac{1}{2}$ in the 1s.

$\frac{3}{4}$ d. to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the 1s.

1s. to 5s. in the £1

from 10 to 30 per cent

2s. 10d. in the £

$\frac{1}{4}$ d. per lb.

1s. 3d. per ton.

a few pence up to 1s. 5d.

per ton.

10d. to 1s. 8d. per ton.

various.

2s. 10d. in the £

1s. 5d. in the £

two price increases since

January.

two price increases since

January.

1s.-2s. in the £.

ing more

Total Profits

this year	last year
£1,190,000	£1,123,000
£1,084,000	£688,000
£619,000	£554,000
£470,000	£450,000
£2,610,000	£2,521,000
£594,000	£565,000
£96,000	£86,000
£376,000	£311,000
£2,234,000	£2,135,000
£2,784,000	£2,491,000
£4,025,000	£3,652,000
£1,950,000	£1,880,000
£1,734,000	£1,657,000
£7,409,000	£6,972,000
£110,000	£85,000
£981 millions 1921 to 1944.	

This is the kind of country you voted for!

MORE MONEY TO BUY WHAT YOU WANT

—get it by cutting into profits.

A STEADY RISE IN THE STANDARD OF LIVING

—make industry more efficient and raise wages as output rises.

PRICES THAT YOU CAN AFFORD

—enforce strict Government control over prices and fight big business price rings.

LOWER TAXES AND A CHANCE TO SAVE

—increase the taxes on the rich.

MORE FOOD AND PLENTY TO CHOOSE FROM

—increase home-grown food, end luxury feeding and jail black marketeers.

SHOPS FULL OF THE GOODS YOU NEED

—you can do it by increasing production.

KEY INDUSTRIES OWNED BY THE STATE

—take over Steel, Transport and Power now, without excessive compensation.

A GREATER SAY FOR WORKERS IN INDUSTRY

—give workers positions of control and responsibility at top level and on the job.

MORE TIME TO ENJOY LIFE AND LEISURE

—win the forty-hour week and a fortnight's annual holiday with pay.

JOBS FOR EVERYONE AND NO UNEMPLOYMENT

—the Government must direct industry to former distressed areas, and fight for ever-increasing production and steadily advancing wages.

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK

—must be recognised to get women to industry and help in the huge production drive we need.

COMFORTABLE HOMES AT LOW RENTS

—force the building rings to produce more and cut prices; end the black market in building and repairs; the Government should purchase the land; fight against all rent increases.

A SOUND EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN

—get the Education Act carried through effectively without delay.

AN EFFECTIVE HEALTH SERVICE FOR ALL

—hurry the National Health Service.

NO MORE FASCISM

—break the power of the monopolists; stamp out fascist activity; make anti-Semitism illegal; send the Polish troops home.

NO MORE WAR

—unity with Socialist Russia; give real freedom to colonial peoples; break relations with Franco Spain; end support for fascists in Greece; exterminate Nazism in Germany by breaking up the great estates and industries—and bring the men home from overseas.

NO MORE BOOM AND BUST, BUT SECURITY

—get out of the clutches of American big business; establish steady trade with Socialist Russia, and the democratic countries of Europe.

r those—!

the Tories—it's up to YOU!

The tools for the job—

Your union

is the way all the workers can combine to fight for higher wages, shorter hours, greater industrial efficiency and production. Strong

trade organisation on the job can speed up negotiations and get the result you want. Your union has a big job and a great responsibility. If you are not in a union—join, and take part in the fight to win the Britain you voted for. If you are—recruit others and help the union's activity.

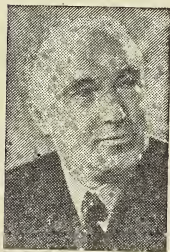


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Your Party—the Communist Party

defends the standard of living of working people; assists working people to fight against capitalism; helps working people to influence local, national and international affairs in their own interests; aims at the establishment of Socialism in Britain.

We need more members so that our work can be strengthened. Rent increases have to be fought. Wage increases have to be won. The people need to be roused against injustice. More Communists must go on the local Councils. More to Parliament. For all these things—we need more members. Whatever you work at; whatever your religion; man or woman—come into the Communist Party and help in the fight to win the Britain you voted for.



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